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(*f*) whether he is prepared to place on the table of this House the report of the Chief Engineer regarding the "Five Projects," if it has been received;

(*g*) what further progress has been made with the investigation of the Tungabhadra project; and

(*h*) what amount of money is likely to be demanded during the next budget in behalf of this Tungabhadra project?

A.—(*a*) The scheme for the creation of a separate Tank Restoration Scheme division for the Ceded districts has been passed by the Finance Committee and awaits the vote of the Legislative Council.

(*b*), (*c*) & (*d*) The report of the Board of Revenue and the orders thereon[a] regarding kudimaramat and derelict tanks are laid on the table of the House. The Board's report[a] regarding irrigation from wells and streams by pumping with electrical and mechanical appliances is also placed on the table. This report is under the consideration of the Government.

(*e*) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to G.O. No. 1900 I., dated 30th October 1927, which has been placed on the Editors' Table. The Chief Engineer's recommendation has been approved.

(*f*) The Chief Engineer's report on the five smaller schemes was placed on the Council table on 2nd November 1927—vide pages 334–335 of Volume XXXVIII of the Council Proceedings.

(*g*) The attention of the hon. Member is drawn to the answer given to clause (*a*) of question No. 1449 on 25th January 1928.

(*h*) The exact amount to be provided for the Tungabhadra investigation in the budget estimates for 1928–29 has not yet been decided. It awaits the Chief Engineer's reply to a reference made to him.

Progress of the Tungabhadra Project.

* 1687 *Q.*—Mr. R. Nagan Gowda: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of work so far done on the Tungabhadra Project since 31st March 1927;

(*b*) how much out of Rs. 25,000 sanctioned last year will be spent before 31st March 1928;

(*c*) the amount of work that is contemplated to be undertaken in 1928–29 and the amount allotted for the same in the new budget;

(*d*) whether the Government will consider forming a separate division under an Executive Engineer for the Tungabhadra Project for the year 1928–29;

(*e*) how much work has been done in the river-bed at the dam-site till now; and

[a] Printed as Appendix 1 on pages 73–79 infra.

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(*f*) whether the Government propose to undertake and complete all the investigation work that is needed to be done in the river-bed at the dam-site before 31st March 1928; and if not, why not?

A.—The position was explained to the hon. Member in the discussion on Resolution No. 12 on 27th February 1928.

(*a*) The Government have no exact information.

(*b*) The revised estimates contemplate expenditure of Rs. 15,000 this year.

(*c*) The budget allotment is Rs. 15,000, but that may be exceeded if a separate division is formed or has been proposed.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) A trench is being dug along the whole length to lay bare the foundation for the Geologist's next visit: the Government do not know exactly how far it has progressed.

(*f*) It is impossible to say how much will be done by 31st March. The Chief Engineer has been given the requisite subordinate staff for the purpose and has been asked to push on with the work.

Proposed upland drainage scheme for carrying water to Coleroon.

* 1688 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is an upland drainage scheme in contemplation by which rain water is proposed to be carried through Vennar and Cauvery to Coleroon;

(*b*) whether the Coleroon embankment is strong enough to stand this additional water;

(*c*) whether the water cannot be carried to Coleroon by syphons under the Cauvery and Vennar;

(*d*) whether the upland drainage water cannot be carried to the sea by the Vattar; and

(*e*) whether the whole or portion of the upland drainage water cannot be utilized for the Valanar project and the Mettur Canal system?

A.—The Government have referred the question to the Chief Engineer for report.

The Pandavayar Improvement scheme.

* 1689 *Q.*—Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report of the Revenue Board on the Pandavayar Improvement scheme has been revived; and

(*b*) whether the scheme has been included in the present year's budget?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.